

REMARKS

Claims 3-7 and 9-19 are pending. By this Amendment the abstract is corrected; claims 1 and 8 are cancelled; and claims 3-5, 7, 9, 11, 13-17 and 19 are amended. Reconsideration in view of the above amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 3, 5-8, 13, 15-16, and 18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Barzegar et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,894,478); and Claims 4 and 17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Barzegar et al in view of Tso et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,185,625).

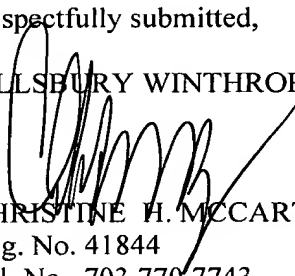
Applicants appreciate the indication that claims 4, 9-12, and 9 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. By this amendment, claims 4, 9, 11, and 9 have been rewritten in independent form and the remaining claims have been amended to merely correct resulting dependency issues.

In view of the above remarks, it is respectfully submitted that claims 3-7 and 9-19 are allowable and that the entire application is in condition for allowance.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further is desirable to place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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